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This idiom refers to the things that you secretly intend to achieve from a plan or action, although you pretend that you are doing it for another reason.

Holland refused to sign the treaty, fearing that de Gaulle had a hidden agenda.

Bernie was a very straightforward guy without any hidden agendas. He just wanted to do a good job, and people in his district liked him.

Source: Longman Idioms Dictionary

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